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GIMME A BIRKIE-BREAK

Josh Hockin pours out a Birkie-Break, which won the city's contest for a signature winter drink at the Fairmont Hotel Macdonald last night. The city selected a non-alcoholic and an alcoholic winner in the competition. Story, page 6. RYAN TUMILTY/METRO

Apple finds ideal winter scenes in Cloverdale streets

Tech commercial. Local neighbourhood made famous in nostalgic ad



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Edmonton film location scouts helped choose local winter scenes for an Apple iPhone 5 holiday commercial that was posted on YouTube Monday.

The Cloverdale neighbourhood was featured in the "Misunderstood" commercial after local scouts went out and looked for winter scenes for the promotional video.

"The initial thought was that it might be done in a smaller town, but as the pictures started to come in, the producers narrow in on a specific look," said Brad

Stromberg, film commissioner with the Edmonton Economic Development Corporation. "As they started to hone around the look they were hoping to achieve, the look they found around Edmonton was the one that ended up being chosen."

Apple declined to comment on the commercial, as they don't comment on their marketing.

The commercial was filmed at the beginning of December for about a week, said Stromberg. Local scouts went out and took photos of area neighbourhoods and later submitted them to producers, who felt the photos highlighted the look they were going for in the commercial, said Stromberg.

"It's fun. It's great," said Susan, of Ada Boulevard, who did not want her last name used, about having Apple make her

Setting the stage

"We're proud of the fact that we have snow and in this case, we can show how that turned into a positive." Brad Stromberg

neighbourhood famous.

Edmonton Mayor Don Iveson said the chance to have film crews in Edmonton only speaks to the hard work being done in the arts.

"It's encouraging, but not surprising because the film commission has been doing great work to make Edmonton competitive as a place to film large and small productions," he said.

Alberta actors were used in the commercial.

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No strife expected

Negotiations move ahead with all city unions

There will be a lot of back-and-forth next year as the City of Edmonton plans to negotiate with all of its unions in 2014.

The city's firefighters are currently in arbitration, and the city's other civic union along with Edmonton police have contracts expiring later this month.

Mayor Don Iveson said he expects less pressure on wages this year because the province is exercising restraint, and that should filter down.

"I fully expect we're going to see lower settlements in the coming years, based on the signals that are coming out of the provincial government's negotiations," he said.

Iveson said with more than half of the city's costs related to labour, any increase in wage settlements would be felt.

"The rate of change in that makes a big difference to the budget and to the tax bill," he said.

CUPE Local 30 head Mike Scott, who represents many of the city's workers, said he doesn't anticipate the negotiations will be particularly difficult.

Scott said the last round of bargaining did happen in a different climate and he's not expecting a large increase in wages.

"I'm bracing my membership for the worst and hoping for the best," he said, adding that the city can't push too hard because city workers have skills that transfer to the private sector.

"The City of Edmonton is not a niche employer," Scott said. **RYAN TUMILTY/METRO**



Edmonton Police Chief Rod Knecht says the service will be focusing on its violence-reduction strategy. LEAH GERMAIN/METRO

Cops able to focus on unsolved homicides

Looking back, looking forward. Chief Knecht says next year may not offer same opportunity

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Edmonton's police chief warns that due to tight resources and a growing call volume, local authorities may have trouble cracking historic homicide cases in 2014.

In a year-end interview with Metro, Chief Rod Knecht

explained that thanks to fewer murders in 2013, the police service was able to focus its attention on solving historic homicide cases.

"Back in 2011, when I became the chief, we had a record year for homicides — we had 50 homicides for that year, so we had to look at re-appropriating the resources internally," he explained, noting two more officers were added this year as part of an initiative to expand the homicide department.

After just 25 murders to date in 2013, the EPS homicide unit was able to use their increased resources to tackle

Busy year

In 2013, EPS received 6,300 more calls than in 2012, with the average call requiring 104 minutes of an officer's time.

older cases that had been not been solved, including the 2008 murder of Andrew Fang.

"Our folks would tell you, if we had the time and resources, we could solve a lot of these," Knecht said, adding EPS has more than 100 unsolved historic homicide cases.

"This has been one of those years where we had the opportunity to look at some of those homicides that are solvable and bring them to fruition."

In the year ahead, Knecht said EPS will continue to focus on driving down violence even if they do not get the opportunity to whittle down the historic homicide case load, despite their two new officers.

"For 2014, we are going to continue with (the violence-reduction strategy)," he said. "We have had some real success with that with the growth of the city."

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Mill Woods. Murder charges laid in bar fight

A man has been charged with second-degree murder after an altercation outside a Mill Woods bar.

Police were called shortly after 2 a.m. on Dec. 15 to the parking lot outside JT's Bar and Grill on Knottwood Road and Mill Woods Road South, where they found Joseph Sharmen Yellowbird, 32, had died.

An autopsy identified Yellowbird Tuesday morning, but his cause of death is still pending toxicology results.

Stefan Bryan Johnson,

The numbers

Yellowhead's death marks the city's 25th homicide.

27, has been charged with second-degree murder.

Police say there were no weapons involved and the two men did not know each other.

A bar manager told Metro Sunday that neither of the two men were regulars. **METRO**

Hinton, Alta.

Woman pleads guilty to aiding mother's suicide

A woman from the U.S. has pleaded guilty to helping her mother commit suicide in an Alberta mountain town.

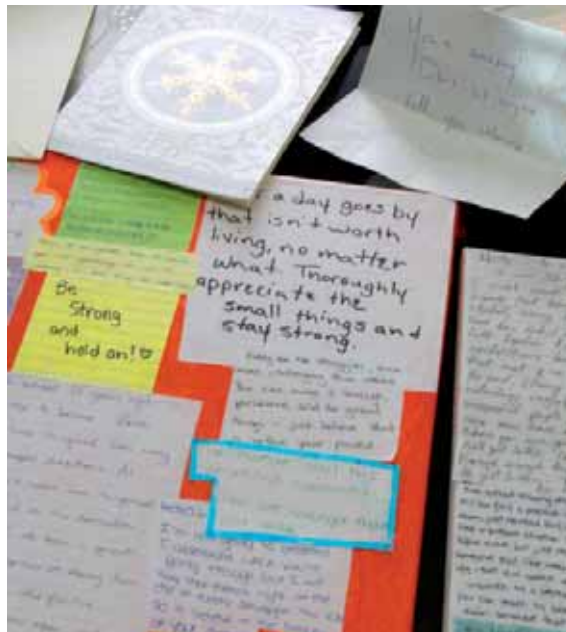
Linda Jean McNall is to be sentenced on Jan. 7. Mc-

Nall, who is 53, was charged in May after the death of her mother, Shirley Vann.

Vann, who was in her 70s, was found dead inside a vehicle parked in front of the hospital in Hinton, about 300 kilometres west of Edmonton.

McNall was admitted to hospital with injuries that weren't life-threatening and was charged by RCMP four days later. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

U of A student donates letters to youth in need



A University of Alberta student couldn't afford to give financially this holiday season so she wrote letters to youth in need. **STEPHANIE DUBOIS/METRO**

The mighty pen. A student gives letters when she couldn't give financially



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One University of Alberta student couldn't afford to donate to Edmonton youth this holiday season so she decided to write them letters.

After weeks of asking friends, family members and other university students, Bachelor of Science student Monika Ha Tran handed Youth Empowerment and Support Services (YESS) 87 letters Monday.

"I just basically wrote them from my heart. Whatever I felt, I wrote it," she said.

Although not addressed specifically to any of the youth, the letters state messa-

All written out

87

The University of Alberta student sent 87 letters to YESS.

ges like "You are stronger than you think" or "You are never alone."

Written on all types of stationary, Ha Tran mounted some of the letters on a frame.

"I was thinking I could make two canvases with letters so it would be with them forever and any youth can read it."

YESS staff said the donation was unexpected but welcomed.

"It really highlights what these kids need, which is just support and love that all kids need to make it out of teenhood into adulthood and make that transition successful," said Freddy Damani, communications co-ordinator with YESS.

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Drug approved. New treatment for hepatitis C will change lives: Doctor

An Edmonton doctor is calling a new drug to treat people living with chronic hepatitis C a game-changer.

"It really is a phenomenal drug," said Dr. Stephen Shafraan, who works at the Division of Infectious Diseases at the University of Alberta.

While the drug was approved by Health Canada last week and not currently available to patients, Shafraan said that Sofosbuvir (brand name Sovaldi) is effective against all known strains of hepatitis C and did not react to any other important drugs during clinical trials.

"That's a big problem with some of the existing drugs," Shafraan said.

Over time, the disease has a significant impact on the liver.

Shafraan said due to continued scarring of the organ by hepatitis C, many people suffer from cirrhosis of the liver,



Liver-transplant recipient Vern Foreman METRO FILE

which can lead to liver failure.

Often, a liver transplant is necessary, which is what happened to Edmonton resident Vern Foreman.

After contracting hepatitis C in 1970, Foreman received a new liver in September.

"I've had it a long time," Foreman said, who had tried a number of different hepatitis C medications with no success.

Foreman said he is hoping to take part in an upcoming study in the new year.

LEAH GERMAIN/METRO

Neighbourhood streets

Latest blading campaign kicks off

Edmonton blading crews hit city neighbourhoods bright and early — starting at 12:01 a.m. on Wednesday.

The latest effort follows the city's third parking ban of the season, which was lifted on Monday afternoon. The ban was put in place Saturday morning.

The city is asking residents to check its website to find out when their street will be cleared, in order to move vehicles.

City plows will be working to clear roads, curb to curb. LEAH GERMAIN/METRO

Pharmacist found guilty

Not a prescription for a lonely heart

Alberta's privacy watchdog has found a Calgary pharmacist guilty of attempting to "establish a personal relationship" with a customer, in contravention of health-information laws.

Information and Privacy Commissioner Jill Clayton reported Tuesday the male pharmacist got the woman's contact information when she filled out a prescription at a Shoppers Drug Mart. The woman complained she was then twice called and friend-requested on Facebook. BRYAN WEISMILLER/METRO IN CALGARY



Aaron Hryciw pours out his entry into the Winter City Drink Contest, the Old Strathconian, on Tuesday night at the Fairmont Hotel MacDonald. Hryciw's entry took second place in the competition. RYAN TUMILTY/METRO

Brrr, bottoms up!

City declares its signature winter drink. Contest saw dozens of entrants



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Edmonton's nights could be a little brighter this year, with two new signature drinks for the winter city.

The Birkie-Break, a team effort between CBC Radio and Transcend Coffee, was declared the city's alcoholic winter drink and Rosemary Ginger Beer from the students at Jasper Place High School was de-

clared the city's signature non-alcoholic drink.

The Birkie-Break was made as an homage to the city's Birkebeiner ski festival and features double-strength coffee and spiced rum.

"When I was a kid, I used to go cross-country skiing with my uncles and they would have alcoholic coffee," said the drink's creator Josh Hockin.

The drink has been on sale as a fundraiser for CBC's turkey drive and Hockin said it would stay at the Transcend coffee house through the winter.

He said he hopes other restaurants in town will embrace the recipe.

"We would love to serve it wherever we can," he said.

Susan Holdsworth, the

city's Winter City co-ordinator, said the competition was just another way the city is working to change ideas about winter.

"Winter is a core part of our identity and we think it

is something special and to be celebrated," she said.

Holdsworth said there were about 30 entries to the competition that came from bartenders, culinary students and home recipes.

The "Birkie-Break"

Ingredients:

- 3 oz of double-strength coffee
- 1 oz of Zacapa 23-year rum
- 1 oz of spiced syrup

1. Make spiced syrup with 10 g of cinnamon bark, 5 g of green cardamom seeds and 5 g of allspice.

2. Let steep in 500 ml of water for 2 hours and then strain liquid into a pot.

3. Add 2 tbsp of fresh grated ginger with 10 tbsp of dark molasses sugar. Simmer mixture at low temp for 1 hour.

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Edmonton Catholic School District's board of trustees passed a motion Tuesday to ask for provincial approval for the construction of nine modulars. STEPHANIE DUBOIS/METRO

ECSD wants more modulars

Growing pressure.

New classrooms would go to city's most crowded schools



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The Edmonton Catholic School District trustees voted Tuesday night to ask the province for nine new modulars to meet high enrolment demands.

If approved, Monsignor William Irwin will receive five new modulars and one wet unit (a portable with plumbing).

St. Dominic, Our Lady of Prairies and St. Clement will

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The cost for the first phase of the modular plan is \$2.25 million

receive one portable each in the first phase. The extra classroom space will cost the school district \$2.25 million, which they would spend from capital reserves.

"We need to move forward as quickly as possible.... September will be here before we know it and we have huge, huge emergent needs around the city," said Superintendent Joan Carr at the meeting.

The school district is looking for a total of 44 new mod-

ulars from Alberta Education, 28 of which are replacements, with the nine they asked for being just the first phase of a broader plan.

The schools to receive the portables are listed by priority, according to division staff at the Tuesday board meeting. Monsignor William Irwin, a K-6 school, currently sits at a 109 per cent capacity rate.

District staff will make the modulars in-house, which will make them easily transportable once completed. The modulars in phase one are expected to be finished by Sept. 2014.

The board also passed a motion for the second phase of the plan, for three more modulars, with an undetermined date.

Spruce Grove

Boy brings knife to school

RCMP in Spruce Grove were called to an elementary school after a 12-year-old boy brought a large knife to school.

Police got the call shortly after 10:30 a.m. from the Spruce Grove Elementary School and responded immediately. There were no other students in the room at the time and staff were supervising the boy when police arrived.

The boy relinquished the weapon when police arrived and he has been charged with possession of a weapon dangerous to the public and mischief. METRO

Have you seen this woman? Police seek help in murder investigation

Edmonton police are looking for a woman who may have information regarding the murder of an elderly man in June.

Lawrence Semeniuk, 67, was found dead at the Norwood Golden Manor at 117 Avenue and 95 Street earlier this year. Around the time of the incident, surveillance cameras captured an image of a woman close to the area.

Anyone with information regarding the identity/location of the woman can contact EPS at 780-423-4567 or #377 from a cellphone. LEAH GERMAIN/METRO



Police are asking for help identifying this woman, who may have information regarding a murder. CONTRIBUTED

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George
Oliver, BC

Wherever help is needed in Oliver, BC, you'll find George. He spends his life spreading goodness in so many ways, but what's really special is the time and effort he devotes to growing fresh vegetables for others. Last year, he donated 1800lbs of veggies to the food bank.

Coby
North York, ON

This story proves that you can always make time to spread goodness. Coby leads a busy life in North York, ON, but he regularly visits a long-term home for the elderly. Through the joy of music and song, he, and a group of volunteers from The House, bring smiles and a little human tenderness to the aged.

Sharon
Brandon, MB

One person can fill an entire community with goodness. Sharon, from Brandon, MB, is in her retirement years, but she still works 5 days a week at her local soup kitchen. There by 6 a.m. every morning, she tirelessly cooks hot meals for 125-150 people from all walks of life.



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Murder trial. Knox declares innocence in email to Italian court

Amanda Knox declared her innocence in her roommate's 2007 murder in a highly unusual email Tuesday to the Italian court hearing the case against her. The former U.S. exchange student also said she was staying away from the trial out of fear of being wrongly convicted.

"I didn't kill. I didn't rape. I didn't rob. I didn't plot. I didn't instigate. I didn't kill Meredith," Knox wrote.

Presiding Judge Alessan-

dro Nencini read the five-page email written in Italian into the court record. He noted that the email, presented by Knox's lawyers before their closing arguments, was not a normal procedure in Italy. He said it highlighted Knox's absence and indicated it did not have the same legal standing as a declaration made in person.

Knox explained her absence was out of fear that she would be wrongly convicted. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Deadly crash. Officer says captain 'distracted' by phone chat

A Costa Concordia official has testified that the cruise ship's captain was distracted and talking on the telephone when the liner approached a Tuscan island shortly before it crashed.

Ciro Ambrosio, who was the first officer when the ship crashed on Jan. 13, 2012, told a court in Tuscany Tuesday he had to communicate with hand gestures with Captain

Francesco Schettino because the commander was chatting on the phone. Ambrosio said he was off duty but took the helm and gave orders to the helmsman because Schettino was "distracted."

Prosecutors say the Concordia struck a reef because it sailed too close to Giglio island. The crash killed 32 people.

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Scotland Yard

No evidence found tying SAS to death of Princess Diana

London's police force said Tuesday there is "no credible evidence" that British special forces were involved in the deaths of Princess

Diana and her boyfriend, Dodi Fayed, and it will not reopen the investigation.

Scotland Yard has been looking into claims that the SAS had played a role.

The claims, widely reported in the British media, were made by an ex-SAS member identified only as Soldier N.

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Putin offers Ukraine \$15B bailout, cheap gas



Pro-European Union activists gather during a rally in Independence Square in Kyiv, Ukraine on Tuesday. EFREM LUKATSKY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Passageway. Ukraine serves as a key conduit for Russian natural gas exports to Europe

Russian President Vladimir Putin on Tuesday opened his wallet in the battle with the European Union over Ukraine's future, saying Moscow will buy \$15 billion worth of Ukrainian government bonds and sharply cut the price of natural gas for its economically struggling neighbour.

The announcements came after Putin held talks in Mos-

cow with Ukrainian President Viktor Yanukovich, who is facing massive protests at home for his decision to shelve a pact with the EU in favour of closer ties with Moscow. Russia's bailout package angered protesters, who immediately accused Yanukovich of selling out the country to the Kremlin.

Washington said the Kremlin agreements would not address concerns of the demonstrators in Kyiv, and German Chancellor Angela Merkel dismissed what she described as a "bidding competition" over Ukraine.

Putin's move came as Ukraine said it desperately

needs to get at least \$10 billion in the coming months to avoid bankruptcy. The Fitch ratings agency has given Ukraine's bonds a B-minus rating, which puts them in "junk bond" territory.

Putin sought to calm protesters in Kyiv by saying he and Yanukovich didn't discuss the prospect of Ukraine joining a Moscow-dominated economic bloc they fear will pull their country closer into Russia's orbit.

Yanukovich has manoeuvred between Russia and the EU in an apparent search for the best possible deal. He has insisted Ukraine intends to sign the EU agreement

but wants to negotiate better conditions.

But neither Putin nor Yanukovich mentioned the possibility on Tuesday, and they didn't take questions, suggesting they were keeping their messaging tightly controlled.

Putin emphasized that Russia's decision to buy the Ukrainian securities wasn't contingent on Kyiv freezing social payments to its citizens — a clear jab at the International Monetary Fund, which has pushed Ukraine to reduce spending as a condition for providing a bailout loan.

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Reporter rejects Ford's 'apology'

Defamation.

Toronto mayor's statement not enough to halt lawsuit

Rob Ford's apology Tuesday for his televised comments about Daniel Dale failed to satisfy the Toronto Star reporter, who said he is going ahead with a defamation lawsuit against the Toronto mayor.

Ford read a statement in council saying he didn't intend to suggest Dale is a pedophile during a televised interview with Conrad Black.

"I never called Mr. Dale a pedophile," Ford said. "I have never used that word to describe Mr. Dale. I do not believe Mr. Dale is a pedophile nor did I intend to suggest that in my comments."

Ford said he apologizes if his "actual words" have caused Dale any harm or personal offence. The mayor called it "unfortunate" that a word he never said has been "ascribed" to him by the media.

Those remarks come a week after Ford initially said he stood by every word of the interview.

Dale served Ford last week with a libel notice, demanding the mayor retract all of his false claims about what happened during an incident near Ford's house in May 2012.

Hours after Ford read his statement, Dale issued one of his own on Twitter, saying Ford's apology didn't even come close to what he sought.

"In his 'apology,' the mayor didn't retract anything at all," Dale wrote. "Instead, he blamed the media for its reasonable interpretation of his words."

During the interview with Black, which aired Dec. 9 on VisionTV, Ford claimed that Dale was in his backyard, "taking pictures of little kids."

"I don't want to say that word, but you start thinking what this guy is all about," Ford said.

If pedophile wasn't "that word," then someone should ask Ford what word he was suggesting, Dale said.

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The reluctant apologist

Toronto Mayor Rob Ford has been forced to apologize for various behaviours and off-colour or insulting remarks since the so-called crack video scandal broke in May.

Dec. 17:

Reluctantly apologized for suggesting members of council were "corrupt." He initially withdrew his comments, but speaker Frances Nunziata said he needed to apologize.

Nov. 18:

Apologizes for running into Coun. Pam McConnell and knocking her over during a council meeting to strip the mayor of most of his powers.

Nov. 14:

Apologizes for crude remarks he made earlier that day in which he denied offering a former female staffer oral sex, saying he had "more than enough to

eat at home."

Nov. 8:

Appears ashamed while delivering a statement in response to a video that surfaced of a rambling, enraged Ford in a profanity-laced tirade in which he threatens to kill someone.

Nov. 5:

Apologizes after admitting he had indeed smoked crack cocaine, likely in one of his drunken stupors.

Nov. 3:

Apologizes on his now-cancelled radio show for making mistakes including appearing in public while "hammered" and texting while driving.

May 27:

Apologizes to reporters for calling them a "bunch of maggots" during his radio show.



Toronto Mayor Rob Ford looks up to the press gallery as he concludes reading an apology to Toronto Star reporter Daniel Dale on Tuesday.
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Hollywood gets cold shoulder

Newfoundland.

Philanthropist, actress attempt to deliver \$1M cheque as an incentive to stop the seal hunt

Actress Pamela Anderson and a co-creator of *The Simpsons* received a frosty reception in St. John's, N.L., on Tuesday as they tried to present a \$1-million incentive to help end the East Coast seal hunt.

Members of the Fish, Food and Allied Workers union, representing sealers, shouted questions at Anderson and Sam Simon during a chaotic news conference outside the office of the Canadian Sealers Association.

Simon offered a giant \$1-million cheque to the Canadian Sealers Association and said his intention is to respectfully encourage governments to legislate an end to seal licences while protecting aboriginal hunts.

In a letter dated Tuesday to Eldred Woodford, president of the Canadian Sealers Association, Simon said he's mak-



Actress Pamela Anderson and Sam Simon, producer of *The Simpsons*, talk to media outside the Canadian Sealers Association in St. John's, N.L., Tuesday. They attempted to deliver to the association a letter with a \$1-million cheque to help end the annual commercial seal hunt, but the office remained closed. PAUL DALY/THE CANADIAN PRESS

ing the offer after the World Trade Organization upheld Europe's ban on imported seal products.

A dispute settlement panel said last month that aspects of the embargo undermine fair trade but can be justified on "public moral concerns" for animal welfare.

"With bans firmly in place

across Europe, Russia, the U.S., and other countries, the writing is on the wall," says the letter.

"The seal trade is finished. Leaders as diverse as President Obama and Vladimir Putin embrace this change, yet Canadian politicians remain too timid to initiate a buyout for fear of upsetting swing voters

in Eastern Canada."

The association's office was closed and no one from the association was present.

Ottawa and the provincial government announced they'll spend almost \$500,000 on a joint pilot project to offer seal meat at stores in Canada and overseas in the new year. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Rob Ford, royal baby and twerking. Google reveals year's top search terms

After dissecting the more than 40 billion queries submitted throughout 2013, Google Canada has declared Toronto's notorious Mayor Rob Ford as search term of the year.

While Facebook was the absolute top search of the year — as it has been for several years running — Ford topped Google's so-called trending list, representing the search terms that stood out most compared to previous web history.

Ford was followed by the late *Glee* actor Cory Monteith, who died of an overdose in July; *Fast and Furious* actor Paul Walker, who was killed in a car crash last month; murder victim Tim Bosma; and the Boston marathon.

Nelson Mandela, royal baby, North Korea, the Harlem Shake dance craze and Lac-Mégantic rounded out the Top 10 list.

One of the most interesting annual lists Google releases is a countdown of trending "what is" searches, which reveals what topics web searchers were



Miley Cyrus "twerking" onstage with Robin Thicke during the 2013 MTV Video Music Awards in New York City. NEILSON BARNARD/GETTY IMAGES

keen to learn more about.

"What is twerking" topped the list, and the provocative dance was also the No. 1 "how to" search. Fracking was second on the "what is" list, followed by ricin, bbm, molly, bitcoin, Monsanto, Snapchat, EPO and DOMA.

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Firefighters battle a major fire in downtown Kingston, Ont., Tuesday. Inset: A crane operator sits on top of a crane as the fire raged below. The man was later rescued by a search and rescue helicopter from CFB Trenton. LARS HAGBERG/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Dramatic rescue in Ontario firestorm

Worker trapped.
Helicopter used to save worker stuck above massive blaze

In a dramatic rescue Tuesday that drew a gasping crowd, a military helicopter airlifted a worker trapped on a crane above a massive fire in Kingston, Ont.

Police said the crane operator suffered only minor injuries after being stranded when the blaze broke out around 2:15 p.m. at an apartment building that was under

construction.

John Ashie was working at his family's car dealership down the street when his father asked him about the black smoke that was rising above the neighbourhood.

The 22-year-old stepped onto the street just in time to see bright orange flames burst through the roof of the five-storey apartment complex.

"Thirty seconds went by and then the whole top was up in flames," Ashie said. "It seemed kind of out of control at that point, by the time the first fire truck got there."

Not long after, those who had gathered to watch fire of-

ficials battle the blaze noticed a figure perched atop a construction crane at the burning apartment complex.

There were a few anxious moments as those on the ground watched the fire continue to grow.

"As the flames started to get bigger and bigger and bigger, it started to get pretty worrisome," said Ashie. "He must have been going through hell up there."

A Griffon helicopter deployed from CFB Trenton plucked the worker from the crane and took him to a waiting ambulance.

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A helicopter rescues a crane operator during Tuesday's fire.

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Nova Scotia. Politician drops Twitter harassment, cyberbullying complaint

A Nova Scotia politician who says she was bullied online after a topless photo of her was posted on Twitter has dropped the complaint she filed with the province's new cyberbullying investigations unit.

Lenore Zann, a member of the Nova Scotia legislature from the Truro area, says she's satisfied that police and CyberScan have done all they can.

"The young man who started the whole thing rolling has been very good and he hasn't been in touch with me," she said in an interview.

Last week, the former actress complained she had been harassed on Twitter over two weeks after she was sent a photo taken from the cable TV series *The L Word*, in which she appeared top-



Truro-Bible Hill MLA Lenore Zann has dropped her complaint to Nova Scotia's cyberbullying investigations unit. ANDREW VAUGHAN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

less in 2008.

Zann said when the sender refused to delete the image, the online conversation soon included others who retweeted the picture and hurled vulgar insults at her.

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Pfizer settlement

Generic Viagra available in 2017

Pfizer Inc. has reached a settlement with Teva Pharmaceuticals that allows the generic drug-maker to launch a copycat version of its popular erectile dysfunction drug Viagra in 2017.

Pfizer said Tuesday that Teva will pay an undisclosed royalty for a licence to produce a generic version of Viagra, one of Pfizer's bestselling drugs. Viagra generated about \$1.14 billion in U.S. sales last year and more than \$2 billion worldwide.

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Federal court

Group challenges Ottawa's refugee health-care cuts

A group of doctors says Ottawa didn't have the legal authority to cut back health-care coverage for refugee claimants.

Lawyers for Canadian Doctors for Refugee Care told a federal court Tuesday the move wasn't an act of parliament, nor was it a regulation — which they argue makes it invalid.

The group is challenging the changes along with two claimants who say losing their coverage caused them severe psychological stress.

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Workers clear debris and decontaminate the soil earlier this month on the main street of Lac-Mégantic, Que., months after an oil tanker train exploded and burned part of the downtown in July. PAUL CHIASSON/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Lac-Mégantic

Rail traffic set to resume

The tracks have been repaired and trains are set to roll through Lac-Mégantic on Wednesday, five months after a runaway train carrying crude oil derailed, exploded and killed 47 people.

The town was built on the railroad, which remains a vital component for local



Smoke rises from railway cars in downtown Lac-Mégantic, Que., on July 6. THE CANADIAN PRESS

industry and the economy.

The insolvent company at the centre of the disaster — Montreal, Maine &

Atlantic Railway Ltd. — is expected to be sold in the coming weeks. Following the July derailment, MMA announced it would stop transporting crude oil on the rail line.

Mayor Colette Roy-Laroche, however, is concerned that the next owner could eventually resume cash-generating oil shipments through town, cargo that would raise concerns among many locals. She said the municipality is examining

its options to prevent it from happening.

The MMA and petroleum-logistics companies connected to the oil that exploded in Lac-Mégantic are facing lawsuits on both sides of the border for the disaster.

Last week, a warrant was granted to allow Transport Canada to search Irving Oil's office in Saint John, N.B. The train was loaded with oil destined for Irving's refinery in Saint John.

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Lac-Mégantic residents rebuilding their town

Healing process.

A team of 11 grief counsellors stays busy providing individual and group therapy

Staring at the spot where her sister's bed once stood, all she could make out amid the ash was a nest of mattress springs gnarled by the intense heat.

Louise Boulet said the building that housed younger sister Marie-France's home had burned to the foundation shortly after a runaway train carrying volatile crude oil roared into her Quebec town of Lac-Mégantic.

The tanker wagons bounced off the tracks in July and erupted in a series of powerful explosions, razing part of Lac-Mégantic's core and killing 47 people in the middle of the night.

Marie-France Boulet, 62, was among the victims, though officials could not positively identify her remains. Her sister believes she was likely deep asleep.

With 2013 coming to a close, the Boulet family, like so many in the region, are working to rebuild their lives and their town following a disaster that grabbed the world's attention.

Since the July 6 crash, millions of dollars in government funding has been pledged for the massive environmental cleanup and

reconstruction; blueprints have been sketched for a new downtown; and discussions are underway to see whether the tracks can eventually be rerouted outside of railway-dependent Lac-Mégantic.

All of these changes are taking place amid an ongoing grieving process for the town of 6,000.

The Boulet clan, who held a funeral for Marie-France in September, is one of three families advised this month that the remains of their loved one could not be identified. To date, eight of the 47 victims have yet to be positively identified through scientific testing, though their deaths have been declared.

The healing process has been difficult for many in Lac-Mégantic.

The autumn calendar was filled with funeral after funeral and locals have had to make do without their old gathering places, such as the shops along Lac-Mégantic's charming downtown strip. The area has been transformed into a large construction site enclosed by fences.

The annual hum of Christmas shoppers has been replaced by the rumble of backhoes and dump trucks.

"It's not a big town. I stopped going to funerals after the eighth funeral," said resident Lucie Bilodeau, whose boyfriend's niece was killed in the crash.

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Will factory collapse have a lasting impact?

Labour conditions. Bangladesh tragedy has led to some reforms, but effect on shoppers still remains to be seen

The world's worst garment industry accident had ripple effects beyond Bangladesh in 2013, as the fatal building collapse turned a lens on poor conditions endured by workers and brought fresh focus to production practices used to create affordable goods.

More than 1,100 people died in the April 24 tragedy at the illegally constructed Rana Plaza. Items created for Canadian label Joe Fresh were among those manufactured on-site, but a number of other clothing makers were also housed in the complex.

Joe Fresh brand owner Loblaw Companies Ltd. joined

several retailers in signing a pact to improve fire and building safety in Bangladesh. In October, the company said it would provide short-term financial support to all workers or dependents of New Wave Style (which produced Joe Fresh items) and plans to join with British retailer Primark to provide financial assistance to workers of all retailers in the factory plaza.

While there have been corporate reforms in the aftermath of the tragic incident, whether there will be a long-term impact on how consumers shop remains uncertain.

"Ultimately, what it's going to come down to is that the industry needs to make these changes so that consumers can still shop with the convenience and the ease that they're used to — just knowing that the brands that they're buying from have cleaned up their act — and that they're making their clothes in an ethical en-



Workers try to release two bodies trapped in the rubble of the collapsed Rana Plaza garment factory building near Dhaka, Bangladesh, on April 30. More than 1,100 garment workers were killed in the factory collapse.

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vironment,” said Kelly Drennan, founder of Fashion Takes Action, a Canadian non-profit focused on sustainability within the fashion industry.

"It's chicken and egg. Are consumers going to change the way they shop and then

that's going to dictate if industry changes? Or will industry change first and then consumers will just be buying stuff without even knowing it was made ethically? That seems to be more the way it's going."

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NSA. How a 1970s purse-snatching case influenced anti-terror surveillance

The small-time case of a Baltimore purse-snatcher who got nabbed after crank-calling his victim in 1976 laid the legal groundwork for today's worldwide government surveillance of telephone records in the name of protecting the U.S. from terrorists.

The U.S. Supreme Court eventually heard the case of Michael Lee Smith, ruling that the government was allowed to collect his phone records to tie him to the purse-snatching. And since the Sept. 11 attacks, the National Security Agency has used that case to justify the collection of “metadata” — the duration of calls and the phone numbers used to make and receive them — of hundreds of millions of Americans and foreigners.

But a federal judge and even the prosecutor who pressed for the purse-snatcher's conviction say the government has gone too far. Now, it may well take a new Supreme Court ruling to settle whether the Baltimore case more than three

Calls for a new ruling

- U.S. Senate Intelligence Chairwoman Dianne Feinstein also invited the Supreme Court to weigh in. She noted that other judges have upheld the government's right to collect phone records, which she said is necessary to safeguard against threats.

decades ago can apply to global government surveillance.

To say that a small-time robbery on the street is a precedent for what was then unforeseen and massive electronic surveillance is simply a stretch, to put it mildly," says former Maryland Attorney General Stephen H. Sachs, who defended the government's use of phone records to arrest and convict Smith during an argument in front of the Supreme Court. The court sided with him in a 5-3 ruling in 1979. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



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Facebook auto-play video ads could 'push people away'

Monetizing socializing. Ads silently auto-playing in news feeds a hit with investors, but some users do not like the idea

Investors are giving a thumbs-up to the idea of Facebook making hundreds of millions in new revenue from video advertisements, but some users argue that the social network is already too cluttered and has become more about commercialism than communing with friends.

Facebook said Tuesday that it's testing video advertisements that show up in its users' news feeds. As part of the test, Facebook said some of its users on Thursday will see a series of videos teasing Sum-



mit Entertainment's upcoming release of *Divergent*, a film based on a young adult novel with the same name, in their feeds.

While investors liked the idea, with Facebook's shares hitting an all-time high of \$55.18 US on the news Tuesday, the reaction from users has been less positive.

Ben Wachtel, a 23-year-old from Indianapolis and a Facebook user since high school, says he feels like he and his friends are using the social network less and less, as ads crowd out posts from real people.

"If they add videos, especially auto play ones, it's just going to push people away," said Wachtel.

Under the current plan, the advertisements automatically start playing without sound when they appear. Users can click on a video to view it with sound, or scroll past it if they're not interested.

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#Top spot on Instagram

Will she be posting that pic of an aquatic animal display at Siam Ocean World in Siam Paragon shopping mall to Instagram? The luxury mall in the heart of Bangkok has claimed this year's crown as the world's most photographed location on Instagram in 2013, says the photo-sharing app.

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Help! Too lazy to undeck those halls of holly? Pay someone to do it for you

If you're sick of the holiday season already — and shame on you if you are — then Anne-Marie Moore has the solution for you.

The London, Ont., specialist gives people back their time, with her business Make It So, taking on the tasks nobody's got time for.

That could be anything from picking up groceries to hiring contractors to building that long-awaited deck,

but now Moore's had a seasonal brainwave.

She's launched Undeck The Halls, a service that brings down your Christmas decorations, organizes them and packs them away neatly.

"I'm trying to come up with unique ideas for clients to get them what I liked to call return of time," said Moore.

"Time is our most precious commodity."

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Anne-Marie Moore takes an axe to a Christmas tree as she gets ready to Undeck the Halls. MIKE DONACHIE/METRO

Undecorating tips

- Want to be ready for next year? Remember to roll your lights up neatly.
- Moore also recommends labelling everything so you know where it is.
- If you're storing stuff away, group things by theme or colour.
- Moore recommends a box marked "open me first," so you get into the mood quickly next year.

Replaces the late Larsson

New author to pen *Girl With Dragon Tattoo* sequel

The Swedish publisher of the bestselling *The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo* trilogy said Tuesday it has hired an author to write a sequel to the series by Stieg Larsson, who died in 2004.

Norstedts said it signed a contract with David Lagercrantz, the author of *I Am Zlatan*, a biography of Zlatan Ibrahimovic, the captain of Sweden's soccer team. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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By the time you read this, someone could be at least \$636 million richer.

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Of course, Uncle Sam gets his half right off the top, but that will still be a cool half-billion after taxes.

Buried somewhere in the fine print are the odds, which are only about one in 259 million. But somebody has to win eventually, and it won't be you if you don't buy a ticket.

Canadians are eligible to buy a Mega Millions ticket, but only if they cross-border shop to do it.

So when you're shopping for cheese or cheap gas, don't forget your one-in-259-million chance to join the one per cent overnight.



JUST SAYIN'

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I wonder if the latest Mega Millionaire will follow the example of Calgarian Tom Crist, who won \$40 million in the Lotto Max recently, then decided to give it all away to charity to commemorate his wife, who died of lung cancer two years ago.

Tom says he's already financially secure thanks to his successful business and he doesn't need the money. But I imagine it's not easy to give away 40 million bucks, never mind 600 million.

Tom's story is particularly compelling because this is the season of giving and he sets the bar pretty high. Even the post-ghost Ebenezer Scrooge looks like a piker in comparison.

For years now, my wife has been dutifully buying lottery tickets while I scoff and snort in a nearby dark corner. Just as dutifully, she lists all the people she will help when she wins \$40 million or whatever. And as much as I ridicule the whole

process as pointless, it's not long before I start worrying how we're going to afford the villa on the Riviera while fighting cancer and paying off the mortgages of various friends and relatives.

And then, I remember:

1.) It's her ticket. If I want the villa on the Riviera, I can buy my own ticket.

2.) The odds of winning Lotto Max aren't quite one in 259 million, but I'm more likely to be hit by lightning, and how many times has that happened, touch wood? So what am I going on about?

3.) Whatever happened to my generosity of spirit? It's pretty bad when I can't even imagine giving it away.

So thanks, Tom Crist. With the Spirit of Crist-mas present, you've inspired me to go out, buy a lottery ticket and think about giving it all away. If no one has claimed the Mega Millions prize after last night's draw, I may even head for the border and buy a ticket so I can imagine giving \$600 million away. What joy! Of course, there's no chance I'll actually win anything, is there?

So don't get too excited out there...

ZOOM

Carnivore plant pic wins award

A picture of a meat-eating water plant has won this year's Olympus BioScapes International Digital Imaging Competition. Polish-born biologist Igor Siwanowicz's photo shows the inside of an open trap of aquatic carnivorous plant, the humped bladderwort (*Utricularia gibba*), which digests micro invertebrates sucked into its trap. **METRO**

Q and A

An underwater hunter



IGOR SIWANOWICZ
Biologist, 37, from Krakow, Poland, based in Ashburn, Va.

How does it catch its prey?

Antenna-like 'trigger hairs' guide an aquatic arthropod toward the trapdoor. Touching a hair causes the entrance to bulge inward. The plant's walls rapidly spring back to their initial position and the prey is sucked in within a millisecond!

It looks like a sort of bizarre, otherworldly vessel.

Yes, like an alien treasure stash! Honestly, if I tried I couldn't have planned this image to turn out this way. This photograph stands as a salute to nature's ingenuity.



IGOR SIWANOWICZ/2013 OLYMPUS BIOSCAPES INTERNATIONAL DIGITAL IMAGING COMPETITION

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It's a familiar refrain: an app debuts, gets popular and then gets banned from either the iTunes store or the Google Play store for violating our mobile overlords' terms of service. In the case of Apple, banning an app from iTunes effectively kills it (unless you're willing to jailbreak your phone), but Android's relative openness allows for side-loading apps. So, for all you Android users out there, here are some of the best of the banned:



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Falcon Pro (getfalcon.pro):

Arguably one of the best Twitter clients for Android, Falcon Pro vanished from the Play store last summer. To be fair, it wasn't Google's doing, but rather Twitter's. The company's user limit for third-party clients — which some believe is an attempt to corral everyone into the official app — kiboshed Falcon for new users. Fortunately, you can still install the app, and a little Googling will show you how to circumvent Twitter's limit.

CyanogenMod (cyanogenmod.org):

CyanogenMod is a user-created alternative to stock Android. It's the most popular Android remix on the

market, and allows users get the latest version of the OS if their manufacturer hasn't released an update. An easy-to-use installer for CyanogenMod was booted from the Play store in November but can still be found online. Be warned, as Google claims installing CyanogenMod can void your warranty.

Amazon Appstore (amazon.com/getappstore):

Google may not always be evil, but they do hate competition. Intended for Kindle users, the Amazon Appstore contains many of the same apps as the official Play store, and also offers regular sales and freebies. Fortunately, the app is still available via Amazon's website.

Comments

@debbiepalm44: Twitter needs them too!

RE: The Vomit Face, The Dislike And The Nobody Cares: Facebook Buttons We'd 'Like', says Metro's Jessica Napier, published Dec. 17

@luxembourg5: OK, the facebook buttons sound great, but enough already about trashing Rob Ford~it gets boring.

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Hollywood's in for the long con

American Hustle.

Bale's latest role has him playing a con artist who helps the FBI, but with this genre, it's a con that's been seen before



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"You're a con artist," wrote Karina Halle in *Sins & Needles*. "A liar. A thief. An unredeemable soul."

She might also have added to that colourful list really interesting movie character.

As despicable as flim flam artists may be, there is no denying they make good film subjects.

This weekend in *American Hustle*, Christian Bale plays Irving Rosenfeld, a con man forced to help the FBI ensnare a group of corrupt politicians in the ABSCAM sting operation.

Although *American Hustle* director David O. Russell says his film is a fictionalized account of events, the ABSCAM operation was headline news in the early 1980s and Hollywood took notice.

In 1982 director Louis Malle was making plans for a May start date on an ABSCAM film called *Moon Over Miami* starring Dan Aykroyd and John Belushi. Belushi was to play Melvin Weinberg, based on the same man as Bale's character in *American Hustle*. The movie was scuttled following Belushi's death in March of that year.

That con man film never saw the light of day, but many others have.



Amy Adams and Christian Bale star in *American Hustle*, which opens this weekend. HANDOUT

Everyone knows *The Sting* and *The Grifters*, but lesser seen is David Mamet's *The Spanish Prisoner*, a complicated story starring Campbell Scott as Joe Ross, a man who invents a process "to control the world market." Concerned that he will not be properly compensated for his work he contacts Jimmy Dell

(Steve Martin), a wealthy businessman who offers to help. Little does Ross know that he has just stepped into a world of deception that will change his life.

Steve Martin's performance in *The Spanish Prisoner* was Oscar worthy, but it wasn't the first time he played a confidence man on

film.

In the comedy *Dirty Rotten Scoundrels* he starred opposite Michael Caine as a scruffy con man trying to muscle in on some high end business on the French Riviera. Caine's suave grifter makes a bet with Martin. Whoever can con Soap Queen Janet Colgate (Glenn Head-

Movie review



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Anchorman 2: The Legend Continues

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STEVE GOW/METRO

ley) first will walk away with \$50,000.

The movie was written for Mick Jagger and David Bowie who were looking to do a project together after the success of their *Dancing in the Street* video. The rock stars dropped out before cameras rolled — Bowie later said both were, "a bit tweezeed that we lost out on a script that could have been reasonably good" — and replaced by Martin and Caine whose hilarious performances earned the movie a spot on Bravo's 100 Funniest Movies list.

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Nirvana in spotlight with Hall of fame nod

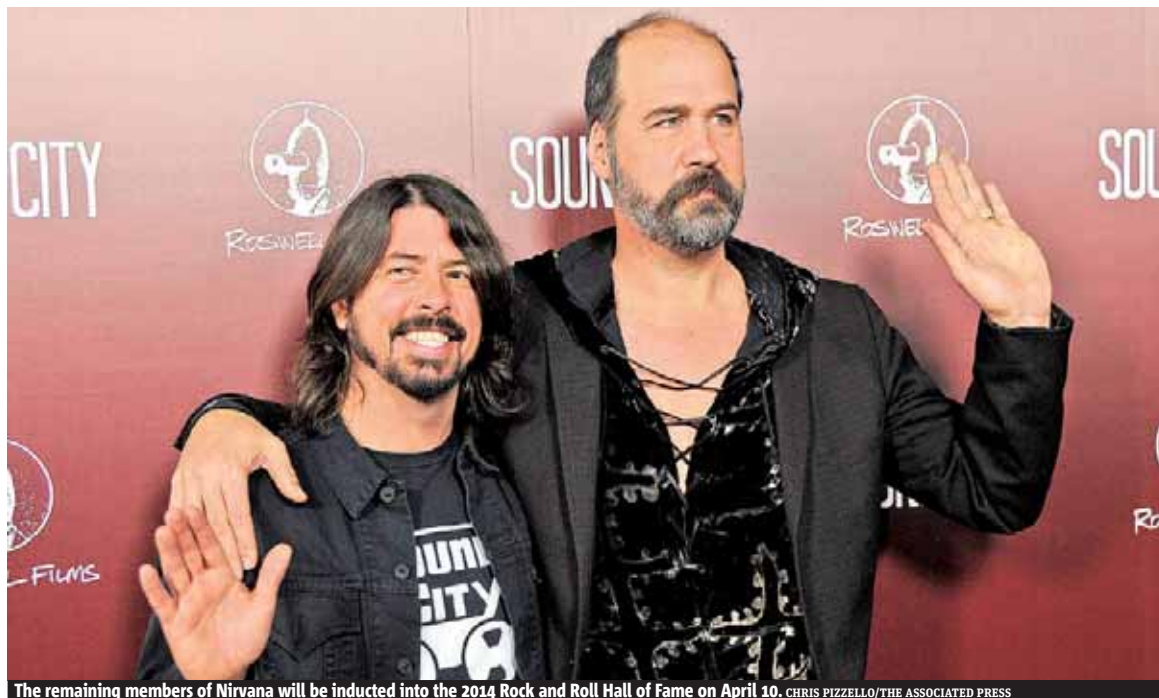
Rock and Roll. In addition to the Teen Spirit superstars Kiss, Peter Gabriel, Hall and Oates, Linda Ronstadt and Cat Stevens join in

Nirvana, Kiss and Peter Gabriel will be inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame next year. The Rock Hall announced Tuesday that Hall and Oates, Linda Ronstadt and Cat Stevens also will be inducted April 10 at the Barclays Center in Brooklyn.

Artists are eligible for induction 25 years after their first release. Nirvana won a nomination in its first year of eligibility and next year the band will celebrate the 25th anniversary of its debut, Bleach.

The induction comes 20 years after frontman Kurt Cobain committed suicide at age 27.

This year also marked first-time nominations for Hall and Oates, Gabriel and Ronstadt. Kiss and Stevens,



The remaining members of Nirvana will be inducted into the 2014 Rock and Roll Hall of Fame on April 10. CHRIS PIZZELLO/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

who have been nominated in the past, made the cut after being absent from the list for

several years.

N.W.A., one of the 16 nominees announced in October,

did not make the list. The iconic rap group includes Dr. Dre, who is the producer be-

hind Eminem, 50 Cent and Kendrick Lamar.

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Even Elementary's Jon Michael Hill doesn't have a clue about next season

What a mystery. Actor says he never knows what's in store for Detective Marcus Bell



MICHELLE CASTILLO
Metro World News in London

Elementary fans who are sleuthing for clues about the next season will be just as surprised as actor Jon Michael Hill when all the twists and turns are revealed.

Hill, who plays Detective Marcus Bell in the Sherlock Holmes-inspired series, admitted that he doesn't call up the writers in order to find out what's next for his character and his cohorts.

"It's been, you know, difficult not to have more information, but that just means you get to use your imagination more, which is what I love to do," he explained.

The actor said that he

didn't know anything about the famed detective before signing on to the series either. After meeting with show creator Robert Doherty, he went out and bought an anthology of all the Sherlock Holmes stories and was instantly hooked.

"I was very surprised at how wild his character really is and it's great to see the kind of, you know, the little things that Jonny (Lee Miller, who plays Sherlock) picks up and tries to use and the spin they put on the addiction angle of it," he said.

That doesn't mean that Hill doesn't have any suggestions for where his character's storyline should go. For one thing, he wants them to bring back his incarcerated brother, Andre Bell. He'd also like to learn more about his character's mother.

But, one thing he isn't clamouring for is another love interest.

"I don't really care, they can do what they want with that," he said. "The last girl-

friend they gave me, the ex ended up trying to kill me!"

Though Hill had training on how to portray a detective after playing Detective Damon Washington in Detroit 1-8-7, he said Bell is a

completely different character. He had fun playing the family man Washington, but he admits that the situations Hill gets into because of Sherlock and Watson are more interesting in

general.

He still works with the cops who act as technical advisors on set to make sure the show is true to life to get inspiration for his character.

"They're always really cool and they've got stories for days," he explained. "It's really crazy, and they kind of take pride in having the stories that they think might make you squirm."

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Beyoncé. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Beyoncé's new album won't hit the Target

It seems not everyone enjoyed the surprise Beyoncé pulled off with her latest album, which debuted online last week with no prior notice. Retail chain Target, in fact, is refusing to carry the album, according to Billboard.

"At Target we focus on offering our guests a wide assortment of physical CDs, and when a new album is available digitally before it is available physically, it

impacts demand and sales projections," a spokeswoman for the chain says. "While there are many aspects that contribute to our approach and we have appreciated partnering with Beyoncé in the past, we are primarily focused on offering CDs that will be available in a physical format at the same time as all other formats. At this time, Target will not be carrying Beyoncé's new self-titled album Beyoncé."

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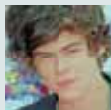
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The Word



Lil Wayne isn't dead, but the Internet is ready if he is

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At this point, Lil Wayne is basically a superhero, given how many times he's come back from the dead.

Yet another Lil Wayne death rumour was making the rounds on Facebook Tuesday. RIP Rapper Lil Wayne Found Dead, the video reads, before prompting the user to share it before viewing. Not to worry, though — the rapper is alive and well.

It's not clear where this latest rumour springs from (the Inquisitr speculates it could be a Facebook data harvesting scam, since you have to share the video to

view it), but it's far from the first time death rumours have swirled around the rapper. The most credible was this summer, when he was hospitalized for seizures and TMZ reported that he was on his deathbed. However, he recovered.

Why is Lil Wayne such a frequent target of death rumours? Maybe because his real health problems make them quasi-credible. The rapper is epileptic, which is what landed him in the hospital this summer.

"It got real bad because I got three (seizures) in a row, and on the third one my heart rate went down to, like, 30 per cent," he said in a radio interview with Power 106. "Basically, I could've died soon. That's why it was so serious."

I guess he can take some comfort in knowing that if (God forbid) anything ever does happen to him, the Internet has a bunch of In Memoriam videos all ready to go.



Dylan Sprouse

Disney star lays out the bare truth on his pictures

Now that former Disney child star Dylan Sprouse has had time to think about his nude photo leak, he wants everyone to calm down.

"The reason I'm making light of the situation is because I don't think what I did was wrong," the 21-year-old writes on his Tumblr page. "I was proud of my progress in the gym, thought I looked hot and wanted to share it."

He just didn't mean to

share it with the actual recipient of the photos.

"The real problem here was not me sending my pictures to someone, but rather sending them to the wrong someone," Sprouse writes. "The real travesty is a misplaced trust, and while I am certainly to blame for it, it is a shame that my private life was somehow forcibly dragged into the public's perception of me."

Jason Bateman urges Aniston to get married

Jennifer Aniston and Justin Theroux have been getting some well-intentioned pressure to just go ahead and tie the knot already from someone very close to them: good friend Jason Bateman.

"Jason has been one of the biggest cheerleaders for Justin to pull the trigger and marry Jen," a source tells Radar Online.

"Jen has had her own trepidations, too, after her marriage to Brad Pitt failed. But Jason loves both of them to pieces and as a longtime married father of two himself, he's a better



Jason Bateman

example of how to achieve personal happiness in Hollywood."

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If all this white stuff make visions of mogul bumps dance in your head, here are a few exciting developments you should know about for the 2013-2014 ski season.



ON THE MOVE
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Rossland's Red Mountain

Just in time for the 2013/2014 ski season, Red Mountain Resort in Rossland, British Columbia has completed the largest expansion of any ski resort in North America in more than four decades. The development of Grey Mountain means an additional 1,000 acres of mostly intermediate terrain to the existing resort. Part of BC's renowned Powder Highway, Red is a two and a half hour drive from Spokane, Washington and three hours from Kelowna.

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Perks for powder hounds



Cat tracks and snowshoes

Alberta's Fortress Mountain was closed as a ski resort in 2006. Over the last three years, KPOW (Kananaskis Powder) skiing at Fortress Mountain has brought a cat skiing operation back to sections of the mountain. Ski leaders will tour and teach anyone wanting to take advantage of the eight to 11 metres of annual snowfall. New this year, KPOW is partnering with White Mountain Adventures to offer snowshoeing at Fortress Mountain.



Brand new trails at Blue!

Ontario's premier ski resort, Blue Mountain, has added an additional 64 acres with its Orchard Expansion, which includes six new trails and the latest high-speed chairlift system to get you there. Their lift rate specials are on designated weeks from January to March, but for those spontaneous, flexible souls, Blue Mountain offers a last-minute Hot Deals club that includes the full gamut of accommodations.



Happy 75th Tremblant!

Quebec's Mont Tremblant is turning 75 this year. As part of the anniversary celebrations, the resort has invested \$5 million into The Westin Resort & Spa Tremblant and renovated a number of boutiques and restaurants in the resorts' charming village. The mountain is featuring a long lineup of events throughout the winter including its traditional New Year's Eve party, the official 75th anniversary spring celebrations, the must-attend Caribou Cup, and a new Red Bull signature event that extends over four weekends from March 29 to April 19.



Ski — then stay at La Ferme

If you are planning to hit the slopes of Le Massif de Charlevoix this winter, avoid the 45 minute commute back and forth between Quebec City and stay at the Hôtel La Ferme. Constructed out of an old dairy farm in the middle of a field in Baie-Saint-Paul, this charming hotel is connecting by rail to the ski hills. From the hotel's lobby, skiers can walk into the train station, choose a take-out lunch, hop on the rail shuttle with their skis and get off right at the foot of trails.

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Drinking

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Doing

The Santa Barbara mission on Laguna Street might be the prettiest of the Spanish missions that dot the state of California. The Santa Barbara courthouse has Moorish influences and fabulous views of the city's famed red-tiled roofs if you go up the tower. Relax, there's an elevator.

There's great shopping up and down State Street and you can get a trolley to take you and up down the road for just 50 cents. So leave your car at your hotel.

Wander down to Stearns Wharf and admire the ocean views, or take the Lil' Toot ferry boat on a short ride to the nearby boat harbour. DeeTours of Santa Barbara, run by Sandy Glendinning, offers great city or wine tours.

Sleeping

The Harbor View Inn is a casual but nicely designed property with good-sized rooms. It's directly across the street from the beach and from Stearns Wharf.



The harbour in Santa Barbara is one of the prettiest in California.

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Dining

Bouchon is an intimate restaurant on Victoria Street with stunning southern California-Mediterranean

fare such as sea bass with risotto and duck on a base of corn, fava beans, smoked bacon and squash. Great wait staff and a super friendly owner.

Carlitos on State Street is a great Mexican place with a pretty patio that's just made for margarita tasting. Chuck's Waterfront Grill/The Endless Summer Bar-Café has fabulous views of the harbour and the mountains.

They have a nice patio and also a casual bar upstairs. Napkins and menus feature the colourful logo from the classic surf movie *The Endless Summer* as director Bruce Brown lives in the area. Good fish tacos.

Save the jammin' for Jamaica, not your suitcase and carry on

Packing. Keep it light, wrinkle resistant and wear — don't carry — your heaviest shoes

JULIA FURLAN
Metro World News in New York

Packing has to be more than just jamming a bunch of wrinkled clothes into an old duffel bag. As prices for checked bags creep upward (it can cost anywhere between \$25 to \$175 if your suitcase is overweight), knowing how to get where you're going with as little bulk as possible is vital to making your trip a good one.

Donna Smallin Kuper knows a thing or two about tight spaces (and organizational wizardry). She's the author of *The One Minute Organizer*, and a recent convert to the nomadic tribe of RV enthusiasts (she's gone cross-country and

has plans for several stops in 2014.) Kuper says that wrinkles must be out of the question when space is tight. "I don't own an iron anymore," she admits, adding that all of the outfits she packed into her RV were wrinkle-resistant. "When you're selecting outfits, think about what can you roll up and then unroll with virtually no wrinkles," she suggests.

If you can't avoid bringing a blazer or a dress shirt that may wrinkle while packed in a suitcase, Kuper's solution is to use the plastic from the dry cleaner's to line the inside and outside of the piece of clothing. "What happens is that the plastic bag helps prevent it from creasing," she says. "The fabric rolls around the plastic so it's good enough so that you can get where you're going and immediately hang those items and you'll be fine."

When it comes to a love of shoes, Kuper says to start with weight and go from there. "I usually wear my heaviest shoes.

Other tips

- Always travel with a few plastic bags to transport muddy/wet clothes back home.
- Choose a colour scheme for your outfits. "That way everything you bring can mix and match and you don't need as many things."

If I plan to bring boots, I'm going to wear them on my travel days because they take up so much room," she says.

Patrick Smith's love of travel extends beyond his job as a pilot. He's been to more than 80 countries worldwide and recently authored a book, *Ask the Pilot*, based on his blog of the same name. Smith approaches travel with a perspective that's inspiring to anyone who has wrestled with increased security, baggage fees and long lines:

"Airplanes are more than just a means to an end, it's a part of the journey," he says, acknowledging that this carefree attitude is a harder sell now that flying can be a bummer.

Smith has love for the small, neat roller bag he brings with him — and inside is evidence of his black-belt packing experience. He says he has packing down to an art, getting ready for a 10 day, multi-country trip in 25 minutes. His advice starts with the gadgets that ultimately rule our lives: chargers, USB cables, headphones and the like. "I did an inventory on all the stuff that I carry with me now that I didn't carry with me 10 years ago and it's startling," he says. "These things are supposed to make life easier, but they make packing difficult."

Smith suggests keeping all of the technological amenities in one pouch, and to buy a second version of any tech accessories so that you can have one pouch with everything ready to go.



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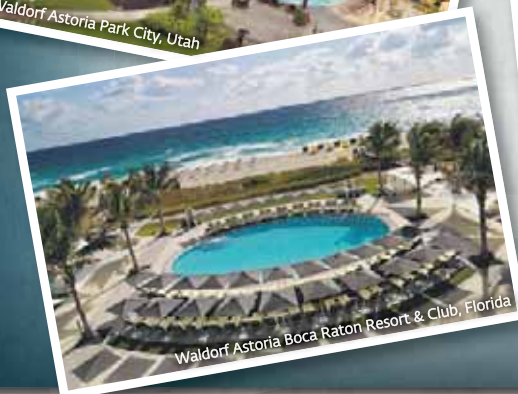
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Chestnuts roasting on an open fire? They'd be happier in these truffles

Who doesn't love chocolate truffles? They are the essence of chocolate, and a sure-fire mood enhancer. Pop even one into your mouth and see if you don't get happy.

1. In a small saucepan over medium heat, combine the chestnuts and water. Bring to boil, then reduce heat to maintain a simmer, cover and cook until the chestnuts are very tender and all the water has been absorbed, about 30 minutes.

2. Add the milk and heat the mixture until it just comes to a simmer. Remove the pan from the heat, add the chocolate, then recover the pan. Let stand off the burner until the chocolate is melted, about 3 to 4 minutes. Stir and transfer to a blender along with the espresso powder, salt, corn syrup and liquor. Blend until very smooth.

3. Transfer to a bowl, cover tightly with plastic wrap and chill until very firm, at least 3

Ingredients

- 5.2-oz pkg roasted and peeled chestnuts, medium chopped
- 3/4 cup water
- 1/3 cup low-fat evaporated milk
- 4 oz bittersweet chocolate, medium chopped
- 1 tsp instant espresso powder or 1 tbsp instant coffee
- Pinch of table salt
- 2 tbsp light corn syrup
- 2 tsp Tia Maria, Kahlua, Baileys, brandy or rum
- 1 tbsp unsweetened cocoa powder

hours. Form the mixture into small balls (about 2 tsp each) and roll the balls in the cocoa powder until they are coated, shaking off the excess. Chill until ready to serve. Will keep, refrigerated, for 2 weeks.

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Spiked Mocha Chestnut Truffles



This recipe makes 20 truffles. MATTHEW MEAD/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Drink of the Week

Peppermint Sapphire Splash

- 1 and 1/2 oz Bombay Sapphire
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- 1 and 1/2 oz white cranberry juice
- 1/2 oz peppermint liqueur
- Frozen cranberries

Add all liquid ingredients into a shaker. Add ice and shake hard. Strain mixture into a cocktail glass leaving the ice chips in the glass. Garnish with frozen cranberries.

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He has a can-do attitude

The whole 'getting around the entire world in one night' detail has stumped the public for centuries — to the point where people use this as the sole reason to stop believing in Santa Claus.

I know, I know.

Think you have too much on your plate? Have people telling you you're under-qualified and not skilled enough for what you want to do? You can do anything you set your mind to — just ask Santa.

He asks for what he needs

Santa has one of the busiest jobs around. He has billions of people relying on him to gear up and deliver — lit-

erally.

He knows he can do it, but he also knows he might need a little help along the way.

Santa has no shame in asking for some milk and cookies to give him the energy he needs to power through.

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Kings hold court with Oilers

Ales Hemsky skates up ice against the Kings' Justin Williams on Tuesday night at Staples Center in Los Angeles. Go to metronews.ca for results from the game. DANNY MOLOSHOK/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Iggy improves to 2-0 vs. former Flames teammates

NHL. Chara puts finishing touches on two setups from former Calgary captain

With the emotions and hoopla of playing against his former team now a week and some 2,500 miles behind him, Jarome Iginla felt more relaxed facing Calgary again.

Iginla assisted on Zdeno Chara's two power-play goals, which were all the Boston Bruins needed in a 2-0 shutout of the Flames on Tuesday night.

On Tuesday

2

Bruins

0

Flames

David Krejci also had two assists and Tuukka Rask made 21 saves for the Bruins, who beat the Flames a week before in Iginla's first game as an opponent against Calgary. Iginla received a warm welcome back, but did not register a point in

Boston's 2-1 win against the team he captained for nine of his 16 seasons with the Flames.

"Last week for myself, it felt a little bit different. This was more business," said Iginla, who has 13 assists in his first season with the Bruins. He was traded to Pittsburgh last March, then signed with Boston as a free agent in the off-season.

Boston was coming off a 6-2 loss at Vancouver on Saturday, when Rask was pulled after allowing four goals on 23 shots. Rask's teammates helped him recover from shaky performance by holding the Flames to

21 shots, including just four in the second period.

"We regrouped in the second and really never looked back after that," said Rask, who got his third shutout of the season.

Reto Berra had a much busier night at the other end and played well enough to keep Calgary close, stopping 29 shots.

"I think we fight. We try. We do everything.... There's no other way than just keep going like that and the luck will come back on our side for sure," Berra said.

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CFL

Bellefeuille stays as Bombers' OC

The Winnipeg Blue Bombers are bringing back offensive co-ordinator Marcel Bellefeuille next season.

New Blue Bombers head coach Mike O'Shea announced Tuesday that Bellefeuille would return to run Winnipeg's offence. Bellefeuille finished off Winnipeg's disappointing 2013 season in that role after Gary Crowton was fired on Aug. 18 following a five-game losing streak.

While Winnipeg finished with a 3-15 record, the offence slowly began to take shape in the second half of the season behind quarterback Max Hall. THE CANADIAN PRESS

UFC

Rousey backs St-Pierre's decision to take leave

UFC champion (Rowdy) Ronda Rousey says Georges St-Pierre was right to leave mixed martial arts, if for no other reason than to preserve his health.

"We're not really doing nine to five or sitting down in a cubicle," the UFC's inaugural women's bantamweight champion said Tuesday. "If you fight for a living, you're fighting for your life every time you go in there. It's a stressful situation, if you think about it."

Rousey (7-0) noted that St-Pierre, with his controversial win last month over Johnny (Bigg Rigg) Hendricks at UFC 167, had set a UFC total fight time record with five hours 28 minutes 12 seconds in the Octagon. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Dineen named Canadian women's coach



Hockey Canada announced Kevin Dineen as the new head coach of the national women's team in Calgary on Tuesday. LARRY MACDOUGAL/THE CANADIAN PRESS

With less than two months to go until the Sochi Olympics, Kevin Dineen will have to hit the ground running as the new head coach of the Canadian women's hockey team.

Dineen was named to the post Tuesday, just a few days after Dan Church's surprise resignation. Dineen was signed for the remainder of the season and will guide the defending champions at the Feb. 7-23 Winter Games.

"This has been a whirlwind few days but when this opportunity presented itself

Up next

Canada will meet the U.S. in an exhibition game on Friday in Grand Forks, N.D.

I immediately jumped at it," Dineen said at a news conference.

It's the first international coaching job for Dineen, who served as head coach of the NHL's Florida Panthers for parts of three seasons until he was fired last month. He previ-

ously served as head coach of the AHL's Portland Pirates for six seasons (2005-11).

"We're very excited that Kevin will join the coaching staff of Canada's national women's team and bring his unique perspective to the dressing room," Hockey Canada chief operating officer Scott Smith said in a statement. "Kevin has had success in both the AHL and NHL, and we're looking forward to him being a part of the staff for the final push towards Sochi."

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Kobe commands Lakers offence to win over Grizz



The Lakers' Kobe Bryant drives past the Grizzlies' Tony Allen during the second half of their game in Memphis Tuesday. The Lakers won 96-92.
DANNY JOHNSTON/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NBA. Bryant gets his team going early, ices Memphis comeback with late three-ball

Kobe Bryant scored 21 points in his sixth game of the season, and the Los Angeles Lakers closed out a four-game road trip with a 96-92 win over the Memphis Grizzlies on Tuesday night.

Pau Gasol added 21 points and nine rebounds for the Lakers, who were coming off a 114-100 loss at Atlanta on Monday night. Nick Young had 18 points, and Jodie Meeks finished with 13.

Zach Randolph had 18 points and a season-high 16 rebounds for Memphis. The Grizzlies played without Mike Conley, who sat out after bruising his left thigh in Sunday's loss to Minnesota.

The Grizzlies led 69-67 in the fourth quarter before the Lakers went on a 17-4 run.

On Tuesday

96

Lakers

92

Grizzlies

Bryant played 32 minutes, matching his most action since returning from his torn left Achilles' tendon. He was 9 for 18 from the field, both season highs, despite running the offence most of the night.

Randolph gave Memphis its last lead with the first bucket in the fourth quarter. The Lakers responded with their big run, and Young's 3-pointer made it 84-73 with 7:30 left.

The Grizzlies came back with eight straight, six by Jerryd Bayless. But the rally fizzled from there, and Bryant hit a 3-pointer from 28 feet with 2:39 left to put the Lakers up 91-85. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Luge. Canada names team tasked with ending drought

World Championship and World Cup medallist Alex Gough and two-time Olympian Sam Edney will lead a promising Canadian luge team into the Sochi Games with the goal of bringing home the country's first Olympic medal in the sport.

The Canadian Luge Association officially named seven athletes to the 2014 Olympic team Tuesday. Edney leads teenagers John Fennell and Mitchel Malyk into their first Games in men's singles. Tristan Walker and Justin Smith will represent Canada in doubles, while Gough will be joined by Kimberley McRae in women's



Alex Gough THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

singles. Arianne Jones and Jordan Smith will race off in Calgary on Wednesday and Thursday for the final women's spot.

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Snowboarding

White expects to return on weekend

Shaun White's balky left ankle apparently isn't going to keep the two-time Olympic gold medallist out of this weekend's World Cup event in Colorado.

White posted a picture of a halfpipe on his Facebook page on Tuesday. The picture included a message that read, "I am in the building" as an introduction.

White tweaked the ankle during his first run in the halfpipe finals of an event in Breckenridge, Colo., on Saturday. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

MLB

Royals introduce new 2B Infante

Omar Infante walked past the visiting clubhouse at Kauffman Stadium, where he dressed so many times as a member of the Detroit Tigers, and slipped on a Kansas City Royals jersey.

It was the latest sign that the Royals intend to compete for the AL Central this season.

The team introduced their new second baseman Tuesday, one day after announcing they had agreed to a \$30.25 million, four-year contract that includes a club option for 2018.

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MLB

Balfour signs with Orioles: Source

Two weeks after trading their closer to Oakland, the Baltimore Orioles agreed to a two-year, \$15 million deal with former Athletics closer Grant Balfour on Tuesday, according to a person familiar with the deal.

Balfour's contract will not be completed until the right-hander passes a physical, the source said.

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Wrongful-death lawsuit. Family of shooting victim suing Aaron Hernandez

Former New England Patriots tight end Aaron Hernandez has been sued by the family of a man he's accused of killing while police investigate the death of another person on the periphery of that case.

The wrongful-death lawsuit was filed Monday in Superior Court in New Bedford, Mass., according to The Herald-News, based in nearby Fall River.

Hernandez has pleaded not guilty to murder in the June 17 shooting death of Odin Lloyd, a semi-professional football player who was dating the sister of Hernandez's girlfriend. He is held without bail.

The lawsuit alleges Hernandez "maliciously, willfully, wantonly, recklessly or by gross negligence caused Odin Lloyd to suffer personal injuries that directly resulted in his death."

The Lloyd family's attorney, Kevin J. Phelan, declined to comment on Tuesday.

The court filing says unspecified damages probably exceed the value of Hernandez's \$1.25 million home, and it seeks a real estate attachment up to \$5 million. The Lloyd family also seeks a court order to keep the Patriots from pay-



Aaron Hernandez GETTY IMAGES FILE

ing Hernandez more than \$3 million it believes he's owed from his contract.

A hearing is scheduled Thursday on those two restraining orders to preserve Hernandez's assets.

The filing notes another claim is being made against Hernandez in a Florida lawsuit by a friend, Alexander Bradley, who alleges Hernandez shot him in the face after they argued outside a Miami club in February.

Meanwhile, police are investigating the death of a Connecticut woman with ties to Hernandez. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Boston	34	23	9	2	94	70	48
Montreal	36	21	12	3	91	76	45
Tampa Bay	34	20	11	3	93	82	43
Detroit	36	15	12	9	91	99	39
Toronto	36	17	16	3	99	105	37
Ottawa	35	14	15	6	99	113	34
Florida	35	13	17	5	81	110	31
Buffalo	34	8	23	3	59	98	19

METROPOLITAN DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Pittsburgh	35	24	10	1	108	75	49
Washington	34	18	13	3	107	102	39
Carolina	34	14	13	7	79	94	35
Philadelphia	34	15	14	4	81	93	34
NY Rangers	34	16	17	1	76	91	33
New Jersey	34	13	15	6	78	85	32
Columbus	34	14	16	4	87	95	32
NY Islanders	35	9	19	7	85	121	25

Tuesday's results

Boston 2 Calgary 0
Buffalo 4 Winnipeg 2
Tampa Bay 3 NY Islanders 2 (SO)

Florida 3 Toronto 1

Anaheim 5 Detroit 2

Montreal 3 Phoenix 1

Philadelphia 5 Washington 2

Minnesota 3 Vancouver 2 (SO)

San Jose 4 St. Louis 2

Chicago 3 Nashville 1

Dallas 3 Colorado 2

Edmonton at Los Angeles

Monday's results

Winnipeg 3 Columbus 2

Pittsburgh 3 Toronto 1

Ottawa 3 St. Louis 2 (OT)

Colorado 6 Dallas 2

Wednesday's games

All Times Eastern

Ottawa at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.

Pittsburgh at NY Rangers, 8 p.m.

Thursday's games

Phoenix at Toronto, 7 p.m.

Minnesota at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.

Boston at Buffalo, 7 p.m.

Columbus at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.

Calgary at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.

Nashville at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.

WESTERN CONFERENCE

CENTRAL DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Chicago	37	25	7	5	138	102	55
St. Louis	33	22	7	4	114	80	48
Colorado	33	22	10	1	96	78	45
Minnesota	36	20	11	5	84	83	45
Dallas	33	16	12	5	95	101	37
Nashville	34	16	15	3	78	95	35
Winnipeg	36	15	16	5	95	106	35

PACIFIC DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Anaheim	36	24	7	5	116	91	53
San Jose	34	21	7	6	112	84	48
Los Angeles	34	22	8	4	94	68	48
Vancouver	36	20	10	6	100	86	46
Phoenix	33	18	10	5	105	103	41
Calgary	34	13	16	5	86	108	31
Edmonton	35	11	21	3	93	120	25

Note: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss.

Florida at Ottawa, 7:30 p.m.

Montreal at St. Louis, 8 p.m.

Vancouver at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.

Edmonton at Colorado, 9:30 p.m.

San Jose at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.

Friday's games

Anaheim at New Jersey, 7 p.m.

Washington at Carolina, 7 p.m.

NY Islanders at NY Rangers, 7 p.m.

Florida at Winnipeg, 8 p.m.

Vancouver at Dallas, 8 p.m.

SCORING LEADERS

	G	A	Pts
Crosby, Pgh	19	28	47
Kane, Chi	19	26	45
Malkin, Pgh	9	32	41
Getzlaf, Ana	16	23	39
Ovechkin, Wash	27	10	37
Tavares, NYI	13	24	37
Perry, Ana	21	15	36
Backstrom, Wash	8	28	36
Steen, STL	22	13	35
Thornton, SJ	5	30	35
Seguin, Dal	18	15	33
Kunitz, Pgh	17	16	33
Sharp, Chi	16	17	33
Kessel, Tor	17	15	32
Ryan, Ott	16	16	32

Not including last night's games

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
d-Indiana	20	4	.833	—
d-Miami	18	6	.750	2
Atlanta	12	12	.520	7 ^{1/2}
d-Boston	13	14	.462	9
Detroit	12	14	.462	9
Charlotte	11	14	.440	9 ^{1/2}
Washington	10	13	.435	9 ^{1/2}
Toronto	9	13	.409	10
Chicago	9	14	.391	10 ^{1/2}
Cleveland	9	15	.375	11
Brooklyn	9	15	.375	11
Orlando	8	17	.320	12 ^{1/2}
New York	7	17	.292	13
Philadelphia	7	19	.269	14
Milwaukee	5	19	.208	15

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
d-Portland	22	4	.846	—
Oklahoma City	20	4	.833	1
d-San Antonio	19	5	.792	2
d-L.A. Clippers	17	9	.654	5
Houston	16	9	.640	5 ^{1/2}
Phoenix	14	9	.609	6 ^{1/2}
Denver	14	10	.583	7
Dallas	14	10	.583	7
Golden State	13	12	.520	8 ^{1/2}
New Orleans	11	11	.500	9
Minnesota	12	13	.480	9 ^{1/2}
L.A. Lakers	12	13	.480	9 ^{1/2}
Memphis	10	14	.417	11
Sacramento	7	16	.304	13 ^{1/2}
Utah	6	21	.222	16 ^{1/2}

x - clinched playoff berth; y - division; z - conference.

Tuesday's results

Portland 119 Cleveland 116
Charlotte 95 Sacramento 87
L.A. Lakers 96 Memphis 92
Oklahoma City 105 Denver 93
New Orleans at Golden State

Monday's results

Detroit 101 Indiana 96
Boston 101 Minnesota 97
Atlanta 114 L.A. Lakers 100
Miami 117 Utah 94
Washington 102 New York 101
Brooklyn 130 Philadelphia 94
Orlando 83 Chicago 82
L.A. Clippers 115 San Antonio 92

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It has a lot of new in it, on it and under it, but unless you're really paying attention, you might not realize it.

On the surface, you have to wonder about the time and money spent to build the 2014 Kia Soul, but it's really no different than with brands such as Mini that spend millions on a new car that looks much the same as before. That's "the brand" after all.

The Mini has more history than the Soul, but the Soul is no less unique and there is a certain cachet about it. Only a handful of models have tried to match the Soul's artful shape since it arrived for the 2011 model year.

For the mid-cycle refresh, Kia's California and Korea-based design teams used the 2012 Track'ster concept show vehicle as a starting point. They did tone down that bit of zaniness (a two-door wagon doesn't cut it out in the real world), but a number of shape-shifting elements were passed along to the 2014 Soul. The Soul's overall packaging has also been upsized a bit. The distance between the front and rear wheels increases by about 2.5 centimetres while about 1.5-centimetres has been added to the width.

These changes, along with a slight body-height reduction, give the Soul a more planted ap-

pearance. On the practical side, cargo space has been increased slightly (with the rear seats up or folded flat) and the liftgate opening is now six centimetres wider.

The added size comes from a new platform that's larger and considerably stiffer (by 29 per cent). Combined with a numerous suspension revisions, Kia claims the 2014 Soul is quieter and has an improved ride that performs more smoothly over bumps and undulations.

Also adding to the cabin's allure is a thoroughly revised and upgraded dashboard, control panel and seat coverings. Nearly all of the plasticity bits are now covered in/replaced with soft-touch materials, as are the door panels. The steering wheel resembles a game-console controller, but at least the controls are large enough to be activated by average-sized digits.

Both of the Soul's four-cylinder engine choices return for 2014, albeit in slightly revised form. The base 1.6-litre unit is rated at 130 horsepower and 118 pound-feet of torque (previously 138/123), while the optional 2.0-litre four-cylinder returns with the same 164 horsepower as before, but with a slight increase in torque. Kia says both powerplants make more torque in lower rev ranges for better around-town performance.

With an \$18,700 starting price (including destination charges), the base Soul LX covers the basics, but includes heated outside mirrors, six-speaker audio system and Bluetooth short-range wireless networking.

Along with the larger en-

2014 Kia Soul

- **Type.** Four-door, front-wheel-drive compact wagon
- **Engines (hp).** 1.6-litre DOHC I4 (130); 2.0-litre DOHC I4 (164)
- **Transmissions.** Six-speed manual; six-speed automatic (opt. with 1.6; std. with 2.0)
- **Base price (incl. destination).** \$18,700

Design

In front, a revised "bulldog" nose and enlarged grille adds greater definition, while at the opposite end the Track'ster-inspired boomerang-shaped taillights appear to be floating inside the rear glass, as does the rear body panel built into the liftgate. The effect is simply brilliant.

Fuel economy

The 1.6 comes with a six-speed manual transmission or optional six-speed automatic, but the 2.0 is only available with the automatic. The 1.6 is rated at 6.5 l/100 km in the city and 8.6 on the highway with the manual gearbox (6.6/8.5 with the automatic).



The Kia Soul's new cabin has less plastic and a button laden steering wheel.

gine and standard air conditioning and automatic transmission, the mid-range EX adds keyless entry, cruise control, heated front seats and 17-inch alloy wheels (16-inch steel wheels are standard).

Atop the Soul trim trio, the SX has 18-inch wheels and power-folding mirrors, while the interior comes with dual-zone climate control, leather seat covers, push-button start, a chilled glove box and a rear-view camera.

The options list is truly extensive and covers off a navigation system with 20-centimetre touch-screen, power-sliding panoramic sunroof, 10-way power driver's seat and premium Infinity-brand sound package.

Taken in its entirety, the Soul, like the Mini Cooper, is set up to be a niche brand unto itself with a wide range of pricing and options and, of course, that unmistakable "Soul-ness."

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AppRadio 3 delivers the goods

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Ever see someone staring intently downwards, possibly smiling, while driving? The motorist in question isn't inspecting or grinning at the appearance of their crotch. They're using their smartphone — which is, of course, dangerous, naughty and likely to result in a pricey texty-driving ticket.

For those not in the new-car market, numerous mobile electronics manufacturers are offering aftermarket solutions to stay entertained, informed and in touch on the go — without the risk of earning yourself a distraction-related ticket from the local constabulary.

One such manufacturer

is Pioneer. Their latest AppRadio 3 in-dash system aims to deliver integrated smartphone functionality, including developer-driven apps, to the dashboard of virtually any ride.

Like your phone, the AppRadio 3 touch-screen unit has a few hard buttons for tactile maneuvering and a big, vivid touch screen for everything else.

Out of the box, AppRadio 3 delivers the latest Bluetooth integration for hands-free calling and audio streaming, a built-in radio tuner, available CD, iPod integration and more.

All functions are manipulated on the big, bright touch screen via the same slide, swipe, pinch and flick gestures you're familiar with from your smartphone.

I could stream internet radio stations, place, accept and dismiss phone calls, and easily browse my phone's music playlist, while said phone was gobbling up delicious electrons recharging in the glovebox.



Pioneer's AppRadio 3 in-dash system. CONTRIBUTED

Got an iPhone? Once Bluetooth pairing is complete, drivers benefit from integrated voice-command functionality, as Siri is migrated into the AppRadio 3 unit. Voice command is supported on Android devices too.

For the most appealing part of the AppRadio 3 unit for

advanced users, install the free AppRadio program on your smartphone, and a list of available AppRadio apps populates every time you access it.

Available apps at the time of writing included various web browsers, media players, navigation interfaces, internet radio tuners and the like.

These apps link between your data-equipped smartphone and the AppRadio 3 screen for a fully integrated experience.

I enjoyed the in-car browser app for its ability to play back media on the large screen and use the vehicle's stereo system when I wanted to show my friends some funny internet

videos. Other available apps even deliver performance meters and data displays for your vehicle's engine, right on the screen. That's only the beginning — as the available apps expand in number and genre, the system will only get better.

Your writer left the AppRadio 3 impressed, mostly, with the access to the voice-command system from his smartphone and its ability to provide calling, texting and other functions in a hands-free, eyes-free manner without learning a new voice interface.

Complaints? Some of the apps cost a buck or two, some even more than that, and selection is currently limited. Initial setup and familiarity with the AppRadio 3's operation can be difficult or frustrating for less electronics-savvy users like your writer.

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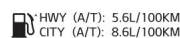
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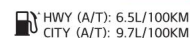
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VW vans for kids

If you're looking for something to keep your small fry amused, check out this cool pop-up play tent that resembles a scaled-down 1965 Volkswagen Camper-van. Suitable for both indoor and outdoor activities, the 166 by 53 by 76-centimetre tent is waterproof, constructed of fire-retardant materials and offers UV protection. Access is through a zippered entrance, while the mesh windows let in fresh air and can be easily covered up if necessary for protection from the elements. When not in use, the tent stores in a neat carrying pack that looks like an actual-size VW wheel-and-tire combo. The Campervan tent is available in blue or red and is available online and at retail outlets such as Bed Bath & Beyond for \$70 in Canadian funds.



Collect wrecked rides

Model making is a passion for many car nuts, with most hobbyists assembling scale replicas of those pristine classics you'll find at most typical weeknight show-and-shine events. However, model maker John Findra, who is the proprietor of Classic Wrecks, prefers to portray his favourites as if they had been discovered in someone's barn or field. Findra begins with basic model kits that are available in most hobby stores. He then finishes each one so that it appears in an abandoned, rusted-out and generally neglected condition. The results are amazing, as you will discover after visiting his Web site that displays classic Chevrolets, Mustangs, Dodges, Pontiacs, etc. There are even a few distressed import cars. Prices run in the US



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Stars and cars, flash and cash. The 2013 Los Angeles Auto Show didn't disappoint with its usual blend of style and speed, all gracing dozens of stages throughout the Los Angeles Convention Center.

From gaudy and showy to practical and ecological, nearly 50 production vehicles made worldwide and U.S. debuts alongside the launches of about a dozen fresh concepts.

With the global economy continuing to show signs of life, an estimated 1,000,000 spectators passed through the turnstiles during the 10-day event (Nov. 22 to Dec. 1) that unofficially kicks off the North American auto-show season every fall.

Automakers pulled out all the horsepower and star-power to attract both thrifty and lavish new-car buyers this year in an ultra-competitive market.

Tennis great Maria Sharapova climbed from the driver's seat of the new 2015 Porsche Macan during its unveiling — one of the most anticipated world debuts at the show — while NBA star Blake Griffin of the Los Angeles Clippers was in house to promote a long list of vehicles Kia brought to L.A.

Sharing the same opening date as the 2013 Tokyo Motor Show, the L.A. Auto Show had to share some of the international headlines, but not enough to diminish the importance and influence this West Coast vehicle expo traditionally has on the approaching auto season.

So, what's new?

When it comes to cars and California, enough is never enough in terms of styling, luxury and technology. Last year's message of conservative efficiency took a backseat this year to speed, power, status and excess. The sleek and sexy 2015 Jaguar F-Type Coupe emerged as the headline act among the debut vehicles. Not even TV mogul Simon Cowell and



The Ford Edge concept also looked very impressive.

supermodel Miranda Kerr could hold audience attention as the new Jaguar Coupe made its grand debut with a full-throttle, ear-busting entrance into the arena while the two stars stood nearby.

Ready for spring of 2015, the best version of what is essentially a hardtop version of the two-seat F-Type roadster features a 550-horsepower supercharged V8 that propels it to 100 km/h from zero in 4.0 seconds and to a top speed of 298 km/h.

For those with slightly smaller budgets, Porsche countered with its own show-stopper in the 2015 Macan, a compact tall wagon that combines pizzazz, performance and nearly endless customization options.

Porsche debuted two Macan models in L.A. with differing V6 powerplants: the 300-horsepower Macan S; and the 400-horsepower Macan Turbo. The Turbo goes from standstill to 100 km/h in 4.6 seconds. Both models are scheduled to arrive at Canadian dealerships late in the spring of 2015, with base pricing set at \$54,300 (Canadian funds) for the S and \$82,200 for the Turbo.

For the more blue-collar driver, Chevrolet launched its 2015 Colorado in the hopes of rejuvenating a rather stagnant mid-size pickup truck segment. Based on a new global truck platform first shown two years ago,

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Honda's extremely futuristic-looking concept, the FCEV, definitely got tongues wagging with its unusual yet sleek design



The Jaguar F-Type Coupe was one of the headlining acts in Los Angeles, and rightfully so.



Arguably the star of the show was the striking Mercedes Benz Vision Gran Turismo.

Chevy believes the versatile Colorado will rival the popular small pickups from Toyota and Nissan, and appeal to people with active lifestyles who aren't interested in a car or a full-size truck. Quiet, comfortable and rugged (according to Chevy), the Colorado will initially offer a 2.5-litre four-cylinder and a 3.6-litre V6. A six-speed automatic transmission is standard, but a six-speed manual is also available (for four-cylinder Work Truck models only) and a 2.8-litre turbo-diesel option will be added to the Colorado catalogue for the 2016 model year. Pricing has yet to be set.

So, What else?

Production models weren't the only vehicles making headlines at the L.A. Auto Show as the usual parade of quirky and fascinating concept vehicles drew plenty of attention. By far, the Mercedes-Benz Vision Gran Turismo created the most chatter. This striking sports car features gull-wing doors and was designed to resemble a big cat on the hunt with a blend of some old-school classic Mercedes race cars nicely blended in. Inspiration for the design came from the new Gran Turismo 6 video game. And while there are no plans for a production version of this car, a few design ideas are expected to find some future Mercedes models, especially the replacement for the SLS AMG that's at the end of the road. Honda offered a glimpse into its long-term commitment to improving hydrogen fuel-cell technology and performance — and perhaps a hint at the direction

Correction

In last week's AutoKnow we said the services of Canada Drive Away costed "typically not more than \$500." It should have read not less than \$500. Metro apologizes for the error.

of some futuristic sci-fi looking model designs — with its FCEV. This creative concept is powered by a hydrogen fuel "stack" that converts hydrogen to electricity. Instead of plugging in at night as you might with a battery powered car, you just make sure the tank is full of hydrogen and you're good to go. No "range anxiety," as long as there's hydrogen around. Honda plans to have it ready for production and launch sometime in 2015. And with an eye to the longer-term, Ford pulled the curtain on its Edge concept, which is a vehicle that takes a couple more steps toward full vehicle autonomy with its use of ultrasonic sensors. It features a fully-assisted parking aid that can be activated from inside the vehicle or by remote control and will prompt the car to navigate into and out of a parking space, with no driver assistance. The LA Auto Show might never attract the media or industry interest of the annual show in Detroit (coming up in January). But when it comes to celebrating big names and memorable debuts, nobody does it better than the folks in Tinseltown.

Three ways to beat the winter driving blues

Fun, diversity and technology. Enjoy the shaky ride and the skill involved to control in harsh conditions while appreciating the tires that help you do so



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Seems to me it's just as crucial to prepare your mood for winter driving as it is to prepare your vehicle for winter driving.

This occurred to me last weekend as I drove through a winter storm, or at least what the weather media elite here in Central Canada now call a winter storm. Could be wrong, but didn't we once just call this type of thing "winter"? Anyways, here are three ways you might adjust your mood, to be the boss of winter driving, and not the other way around...

Realize the Fun Factor
It's not a wintery mess, it's an opportunity to get

the vehicle a little "loose" on the snow. And that's fun. Well, fun until you hit something hard, and a lot of people in uniforms come calling. Sliding around an empty, snow-covered parking lot, used to be the time-honoured way teenage boys learned car control. Put on some Twisted Sister and give it a try. Even if you don't have a run-off safety zone or empty parking lot at your disposal, just revel in the extra brain energy it takes to drive on slippery surfaces. It's engaging, entertaining and probably at least as effective in staving off dementia as doing crossword puzzles.

Appreciate the Diversity of Driving Talent

Nothing separates the good driver from the duffer like a snowy road. The speed differential between a person who knows how to drive in the snow, with a vehicle equipped for such, versus a person who has no clue, with a vehicle with even less of clue, is really quite amazing. If you're the former, and following the latter and can't pass, it can be one of the most exasperating driving scenarios you'll every encounter.

It's the driving equivalent of having your recess time cut into, because your teacher won't release the whole class until everybody has their coats on, and some of your classmates are still confounded by the physics of zippers. Instead of seething and showing off your excellent vocabulary of four-letter words, why not just revel in the

diversity, and let patience and the pride of your superior driving abilities be your predominant state of mind.

Leverage the Technology
Winter tire technology has shot up lately. They used to be quite a bit better in the cold, slush and snow than all-seasons. Now they're crazy better. They

take a winter weakling of a vehicle and turn it into a minor superhero of a winter vehicle, and driving a superhero is definitely mood-altering. And we'd like to give props to Canadian Tire, for being the first to commission the development of an all-season tire that actually changes colour at 7 degrees Celsius, the point at which they

start to struggle, by becoming less pliable and less able to grip the road. It's your signal that it's time to swap them for those super capable winters.

Interestingly, the technology is not unlike a mood ring. When the temperature drops, you mood is susceptible to drop too. But it doesn't have to — mind bend it the other way.



Joe Hallett of the British rubber development firm, ARTIS, holds the concept tire commissioned by Canadian Tire. It's sidewall turns blue at 7 degrees C, when it's time to get into the winter tire mood. PHOTO: CANADIAN TIRE

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Winter gasoline in Canada is different than gasoline used during other seasons. CANADIAN TIRE

Winter gas: Blend of the festive season

Higher RVP. Reid Vapour Pressure levels are higher in the fuel used during the cold months to ensure easier starts for vehicles

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Just as the weather changes from summer to winter, so does gasoline. Stations are now selling winter gas, specially blended for the season. "Winter gas can have a higher RVP, or Reid Vapor Pressure," says Wayne Moorehead, marketing manager for Canadian Tire Petroleum. "That is a measurement of the volatility of the fuel, and how subject it is to evaporation. In winter, you want a fuel that has higher volatility, because it's easier for the vehicle to start."

But there's more to it than that, and it comes down to government-mandated emissions standards. There are several places where gasoline vapours can enter the atmosphere: at the station when you're filling up, out of the filler neck if your gas cap isn't tight,

Tips

- **Manual.** Go by the octane recommendation in your owner's manual. If you only need 87-octane regular fuel, there's no need to use premium.

- **Location, location.** Be smart when fuel-shopping. You'll burn up a few cents difference if the cheaper station is far away, or there's a long line at the pumps.

and possibly out of the tailpipe, if small amounts of unburned fuel make their way back there.

Gasoline evaporates faster when the outside temperature is hot. A fuel with lower RVP—one that's refined specifically to evaporate more slowly—is less likely to send harmful emissions into the air, and so the mandated standards require refineries to make lower-RVP fuel for sale during the summer months.

However, lower-RVP fuel requires a different refining process. It's costlier to make, and Moorehead says it's tougher to produce the large quantities of fuel needed in winter. Since gasoline naturally evaporates more slowly at cold

temperatures, the emissions standards allow for higher-RVP fuel to be sold in the winter.

When it's cold out, some drivers worry about their fuel freezing up. However, it's far less of a problem now that cars have fuel injection, rather than carburetors, which were far more likely to experience issues with their fuel lines icing up.

Keeping your fuel tank full will help prevent water in the gas, which is the stuff that freezes. "Drive on the top half of the tank, not the bottom half," Moorehead says.

"A fuller tank has less area for condensation to take place, and having more fuel will spread out any water that is in there. People should also make sure the fuel cap fits properly, too. If you have a loose cap and it's not sealed properly, there's an opportunity for moisture to get in."

That full tank could also help ensure your safety. Cars generally get poorer mileage in the winter, and if the weather turns bad or traffic backs up, your commute could take much longer than normal. If your tank is close to empty, you could run out of gas and be left stranded.

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Taurus

April 21 - May 21

You will have to do something that makes you unpopular but if you don't do it now you may have to do something twice as bad later on.

Gemini

May 22 - June 21

Money matters may be causing you concern but other aspects indicate you can still have lots of fun. Besides, if you keep too tight a hold of the purse strings now you may have to spend more later.

Cancer

June 22 - July 23

The important thing today is that you don't over-extend yourself physically, financially or emotionally. Know your limits and stay within them.

Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

Cosmic activity in positive areas of your chart urges you to open up and let friends and family know what you need in terms of both material wellbeing and emotional support.

Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

People will be demanding of you today and there may come a time when you realize you are being taken for a ride. The fact is they could have done most of these things for themselves if they wanted to. Make them wish they had.

Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

At some stage today your frustration is likely to bubble over and you will say or do something that you later regret. But, even so, it's good to remind those around you that your patience is finite.

Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

You won't get things all your own way today, especially on the home front where partners and loved ones are anything but reasonable. The good news is this is only a passing phase.

Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

There will be a setback concerning a money matter or business deal and you won't be happy about it. But it is worth getting worked up about?

Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

It seems you are stuck with a decision you took a while back and would do anything to get yourself out of now. That might just be possible today but the planets warn it won't come cheap.

Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

Delays of one sort or another are likely over the next 24 hours but while it may be frustrating it could also inspire you to try a different route.

Pisces

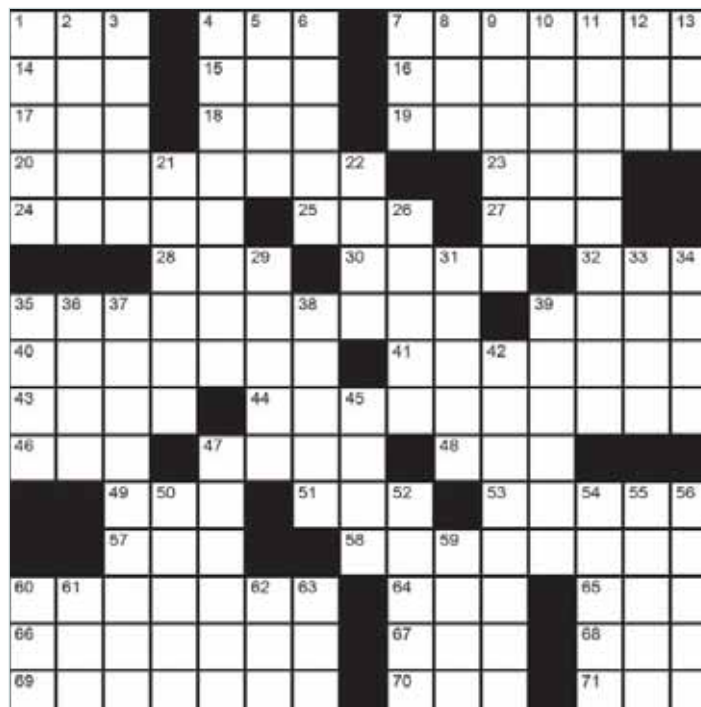
Feb. 20 - March 20

You seem to have lost your way a little and the planets suggest you swallow your pride and ask someone who knows what they are doing to help you. **SALLY BROMPTON**

Crossword: Canada Across and Down

Across

1. 15, 30 or 50, e.g.
4. Opening
7. Truck
14. Airport sched. word
15. British singer Rita
16. By mistake: 2 wds.
17. ___disant (Self-styled)
18. Martini ingredient
19. Canadian comic book superheroine, ___ of the Northern Lights
20. Saskatchewan city east of Saskatoon
23. Driver's proof, e.g.
24. Improvise
25. Sushi tuna
27. Tattoo artist's supply
28. "___ guy walks into..."
30. Botanist Mr. Gray's
32. Sports org.
35. Michael J. Fox, e.g.: 2 wds.
39. Earth's inner
40. Where Zagreb is the capital
41. Acquiesces
43. Er, I don't know-ish
44. Winter resort accommodations: 2 wds.
46. Literary fairy queen
47. Molt
48. Fashionable



- monogram
49. Freelancer's encl.
51. Six, in Italy
53. Entire
57. No Scrubs group
58. Canadian hockey brothers Phil or Tony
60. Mercy Mercy Me (The ___) by Marvin Gaye

64. Playboy Manson's man, for short
65. Dorothy, to pals
66. Encounter: 2 wds.
67. Goof
68. Bug kind
69. Alberta village, home of the World's Largest Pyrogy
70. Actor Mr. Knight,

- et al.
71. Uncle on Seinfeld

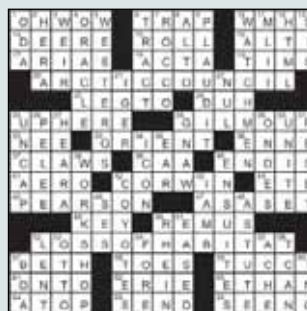
Down

1. Alexander's nickname
2. Peacock's feeling
3. Czech composer, Rudolf ___
4. 1960s dancer's

- outfit part: 2 wds.
5. Botanical 'coat'
6. Zoo attraction
7. Wine: French
8. Compass point
9. Steve McQueen war movie, ___ for Heroes (1962)
10. Dick ___, legendary Montreal Canadiens

- coach
11. De-cypher: 2 wds.
12. Mr. Chaney
13. Period
21. France/Spain: Bay of ___
22. "Take ___!"
26. Hero of Upper Canada, Sir ___ Brock (b.1769 - d.1812)
29. TLC's Breaking ___
31. Like a shoe's support
33. Guitar bar
34. Not as much
35. Pond guck
36. ___ S. Rombauer (Joy of Cooking author)
37. Yukon: ___ Territorial Park
38. "For goodness ___!"
39. Orchestra instruments
42. Left-overs
45. Obsession, ___ fixe
47. Canadian cafe chain, ___ Cup
50. ___ the Family
52. The Kid ___
54. Word with Wave
55. Make up for
56. ___ 6/49
59. "...and a partridge in a ___ tree."
60. Work unit
61. ___-de-sac
62. Ronny & The Daytonas hit
63. Far, quaintly

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Yesterday's Sudoku



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